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APPLICATION

Honorable Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner of Conservation
Louisiana Office of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

RE: 5000' Zone, Reservoir A
North Chalkley Field
Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Asprodites:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **BALLARD EXPLORATION COMPANY, INC.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters related to the 5000' Zone, Reservoir A, in the North Chalkley Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

1. To establish rules and regulations and create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate, such unit to be designated the 5000' RA SUA;
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;

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3. To designate the Ballard Exploration Company, Inc. - Richard No. 1 Well as the unit well for the proposed 5000' RA SUA;
4. To designate Ballard Exploration Company, Inc. as the unit operator for the proposed unit;
5. To provide that any future wells drilled to the 5000' Zone, Reservoir A, should be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E;
6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the 5000' Zone, Reservoir A, by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation; and
7. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The 5000' Zone in the North Chalkley Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the depths of 4988 feet and 5246 feet (electric log measurements) in the Ballard Exploration - Richard No. 1 Well, located in Section 31, Township 11 South, Range 6 West, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

The pre-application conference tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, April 19, 2001, **WILL NOT BE HELD**, as it was not requested within the delays provided for by the Rules of Procedure; therefore, no opposition to this Application at the hearing is anticipated.

Pertinent data relating to the proposed application can be obtained, **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY**, by contacting David Sturlese, 124 Heymann Blvd, Lafayette, Louisiana (337) 232-1700.

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof a plat outlining the proposed unit and a list of the names and addresses of the interested parties to whom this unitization proposal is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished **ONLY** to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed herein is our check in the amount of \$700.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation in payment of the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


RANDALL C. SONGY

RCS/dde/bad
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Interested Parties and
Represented Parties

P.S. To all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties:

You may have received this Application Notice even though your property is not included in the proposed unit, because the Revised Rules of Procedure require us to attempt to also notify everyone owning an interest in the area "proximate to" the proposed units. In some cases, the area proximate to proposed units can extend as far as one-half mile outside the unit boundary.

Your receipt of this Application Notice does not require you to take any action. It is meant to notify you of these proceedings so that you have the opportunity to participate if you so desire.

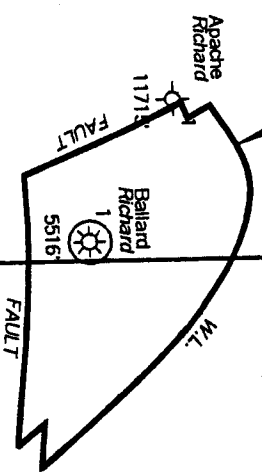
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Bruliff
Miller
1
10100'

31

5000' RA SUA
RICHARD NO. 1
+ 33 ACRES

Sun
Miller
3
10265'



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Dezere Richard, et al

Holland Estate, et al
Dezere Richard, et al

Dezere Richard, et al

Damson
Rostreef
2
8400'

Damson
Rostreef
1
10344'

Humble
Miller
1
8684'

Dezere Richard, et al

32

Lynal
Richard
1
8620'

Lynal
Richard
2

Douglas Crawford, et al

Cox
Stanton
1
11800'

Sun
Miller
2
12900'

Sun
Miller Fruge
7
12400'

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Gladyds Ogea, et al	Asa Demarest, et al	Methilda Gray	Hibbert Henszen 1 8288'	Lynal Garrison 1 8153'
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12	6	Cockrell Stream 1 13107'		
S		Methilda Gray		
Walker & Co. Prop.				

EXHIBIT NO.
DOCKET NO.

DATE:

BALLARD EXPLORATION
COMPANY, INC.

NORTH CHALKLEY FIELD
CALCASIEU PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT
5000' ZONE

0 1000' 2000'
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